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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 22, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that the president of the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels, Guy Russell Castiglione, pled guilty and was sentenced today in the U.S. District Court, in San Diego, by the Honorable Irma E. Gonzalez to serve 70 months in custody, based on Castiglione's conviction for conspiracy to commit racketeering.

In pleading guilty, Castiglione admitted that, between April 2002 and May 2003, he and other members of the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels agreed to participate in a pattern of racketeering, which included conspiracy to murder members of a rival outlaw motorcycle gang, the Mongols, and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Judge Gonzalez also ordered that Castiglione serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison, during which time Castiglione will not be allowed to associate with felons. Castiglione must also pay a \$100 special assessment.

At the same hearing, the former sergeant-at-arms of the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels, Mark Alan Toycen, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit racketeering and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. In court today, Toycen admitted that he also conspired to murder Mongols and to distribute methamphetamine as part of the racketeering charge. Toycen is scheduled to be sentenced on December 15, 2005.

In June 2003, Castiglione and Toycen, along with eight other members of the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels, were indicted by a federal grand jury on racketeering charges involving conspiracy to commit murder, drug trafficking, and extortion, among other crimes. Castiglione, Toycen and other members of the Hells Angels were intercepted pursuant to court-authorized wiretaps plotting murder and committing other crimes from July 2002 through May 2003. All ten Hells Angels members have pleaded guilty to racketeering charges. They are scheduled to be sentenced at various times over the next two months.

U.S. Attorney Carol Lam praised the efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Narcotics Task Force, the San Diego Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the San Diego Police Department, and the El Cajon Police Department. "The president, sergeant-at-arms, secretary, treasurer, and six other members of the Hells Angels have been convicted of racketeering charges and are facing long prison sentences. The San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels has been effectively dismantled for the foreseeable future."

DEFENDANTS

Guy Russell Castiglione

Mark Alan Toycen

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962 – Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering

Maximum Penalty: Life Imprisonment
\$250,000 fine
Five years of supervised release

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846 – Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine.

Maximum Penalty: Life imprisonment

\$4,000,000 fine
Five years of supervised release

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Drug Enforcement Administration
Narcotics Task Force
San Diego County Sheriff's Department
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
San Diego Police Department
El Cajon Police Department